

MEMO

To: Transportation and Communications Committee
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Date: August 22, 2003
RE: August 21, 2003, Joint RTDM/Highway and Transportation Finance Task Force Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File

SUMMARY: Actions and recap of the August 21, 2003 RTDM/Highway and Transportation Finance Task Force Meeting.

- 1) Approved the use of the low baseline forecast for analysis.
- 2) Approved to take to the TCC the following action: " Approve the proposed public funding initiatives and continue to evaluate other potential revenue options. Further direct staff to continue exploring the proposed private funding strategy for developing the Draft 2004 RTP."
- 3) Adopted guiding principles to direct staff on development of highway projects for inclusion in the 2004 RTP, including:
 - Projects that enhance safety and security.
 - Projects that fill significant gaps in the freeway and HOV system should be a priority, examples from the 2001 RTP include the I-710 gap closure, I-210 extension, I-10 HOV lane, I-605 HOV lane.
 - Projects that relieve significant bottlenecks, examples include truck climbing lanes, mixed flow widening and reconfigurations like the I-215 in San Bernardino, mixed flow continuity projects, completion of the HOV lanes on 405 through the Sepulveda Pass.
 - Projects that support improved operational performance, examples include, auxillary lanes, interchange improvements such as ramp improvements.
 - Projects that improve system connectivity.
 - Projects that improve access to airports, cargo facilities, and intermodal centers.
 - Projects that maximize efficient use of existing capacity, such as Traffic Management Centers, ramp metering, signal synchronization and other ITS.
 - Projects to maintain and preserve the current investment in the highway system.
 - Advancing long range study corridors from the 2001 RTP in high demand and/or high growth areas, based upon the findings of the RSTIS process.
 - Projects that support land use through highway connectivity.
- 4) The Task Force received a briefing on the Tier I (baseline) and Tier II Projects being assessed for the 2004 Draft RTP and on System Preservation/Maintenance and Operations funding level recommendations made by the Plans and Programs TAC.
- 5) The Task Force also received a short briefing on the minutes of the TDM Workshop and an overview of upcoming RTP Workshops.